PROCEEDINGS

of

THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

SECOND ASSEMBLY.

ELEVENTH SESSION 1942/1117.

Wednesday the 22nd July 1942/6th Karkadakam 1117.

The Assembly met again at 11 o' clock on Wednesday the 22nd July 1942 in the Legislative Chamber with the Dewan-President in the Chair.

NEW MEMBER.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Travancore, took the oath and signed the Rolls.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Air Raid Precautions.

86. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether instructions relating to air raid precautions have been made available to the school-going population ?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN (*Controller, A. R. P.*): Yes.

Punnac as an article of food.

87. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether *punnac* (refuse of cocoanut copra) is a desirable human food;

(*b*) whether *punnac* could be made an adequate human food in combination with other cheap articles; and

(*c*) whether in some coastal areas *punnac* is resorted to as food by the poor?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes, to a small extent as a substitute for cocoanut.

Timber Depots in the Neriamangalam Range.

88. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the timber depots, if any, within the Neriamangalam Range; and

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(*b*) the arrangements they have made for people living near the forest regions to conveniently buy timber from Government ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITASWARA AIYAR (*Conservator of Forests*) : (*a*) There are no timber depots within the Neriamangalam Range.

(*b*) There is a depot at Mudickal which is only 12 miles from Kothamangalam.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know whether there is a Range Office at Kothamangalam ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITASWARA AIYAR : Yes, there is.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know whether the timber collected at Mudickal is not taken there *via* that Range Office ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITASWARA AIYAR : Sometimes it is taken *via* the Range Office and sometimes along the river.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know what difficulty is there for making a Timber Depot near that Range Office ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKITASWARA AIYAR : It is a question of demand. If there is sufficient demand at Kothamangalam, Government will consider the question of opening a Depot at Kothamangalam.

Investigation of Minor Irrigation Works.

89. ***MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether any investigation of minor irrigation works was made during 1117 by the Thuckalay Sub-Division Office (*vide* item No. 351, P. W. D. Detailed Budget Part II) ;

(*b*) if so, the works so investigated ;

(*c*) the nature of the investigation ; and

(*d*) the result of the investigation ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) to (*d*)—*A statement containing the information is placed on the table.

Pokkuvaravu Cases.

90. ***MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total number of Pokkuvaravu cases registered during this year in each of the taluks of Kalkulam and Vilavankod ;

(*b*) the number of cases disposed of ;

(*c*) the number of contested cases ;

(*d*) the number of cases in which Pokkuvaravu has been effected ; and

(*e*) the number of cases in which Pokkuvaravu has been refused ?

* *Vide* Appendix I, pages 228 to 230.

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